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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
Masami TSUKAMOTO	)	Examiner: K. Brown
Application No.: 09/829,915	)	Group Art Unit: 2877
Filed: April 11, 2001	)	Allowed: June 4, 2003
For: CONTAMINATION PREVENTION	)	Confirmation No.: 8192
IN OPTICAL SYSTEM	)	September 4, 2003

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Sir:

Further to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on April 29, 2003, in compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. A copy of the listed document is also enclosed.

Applicant requests that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

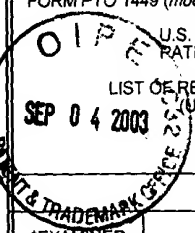
Respectfully submitted,

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